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"All things come to them that wait, providing they hustle while they wait."—Charles W. Anderson. "Get out of our sunshine."—R. H. Boyd.

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UNION TRANSPORTATION CO.

SOLD EIGHT OF ITS LARGE ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILES.

Purchase Being Made By St. Louis Firm.

IT IS SAID THAT THE CARS WILL BE RUN BETWEEN NORFOLK AND JAMESTOWN, DURING THE EXPOSITION, FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS.

"Eight of the large twenty passenger coach electric automobiles equipped with 42 cell M.V. oxide storage batteries and two Westinghouse motors that were purchased in the fall of 1905 by the Union Transportation Company, have been sold to a St. Louis firm." This is the startling remark that was made to the large gathering of stockholders of the Union Transportation Company that had assembled in the chapel of the Baptist Publishing House, corner Market and Locust streets, Monday night. There was no business meeting held, because the constitution and by-laws of this Company require that one-half of the subscribed stock must be represented to form a quorum.

It was 9 o'clock when President Taylor announced that there was still no quorum present and that for this reason it would be impossible to proceed with the meeting. He said that he thought it would be best to tell the stockholders present just what had been done since the last meeting, at which the executive committee was instructed, together with the business manager, to dispose of all or a part of the cars on hand in order to meet some of the indebtedness. President Taylor said he would ask the business manager to state just what part of the transaction could be stated off-hand.

The business manager made a statement in substance as follows: "Acting upon your advice we have succeeded in closing a deal with a St. Louis firm for eight of the large twenty-passenger coach electric auto cars, a part of the fourteen of the original purchase. The deal was closed about twenty-five days ago for a sum which enabled us to relieve the pressing embarrassment. These cars were repaired, the batteries overhauled and they were put in an operating condition. Of course the money was not on hand to do this, but arrangements were made by which the money was secured and on Friday and Saturday, the 19th and 20th, the cars were loaded on the L. & N. Railroad and shipped to Norfolk, Va., as per the instructions of the purchaser. This leaves only a small amount of the original purchase price to be paid on the cars."

In closing, the business manager stated that there was nothing else connected with the transaction of any importance. President Taylor asked the Secretary to read a letter from one of the banks in St. Louis that held the notes of the original purchase. The secretary stated that there was only \$734.26 remaining unpaid on the first \$20,000 debt incurred by the Union Transportation Company in the purchase of these cars, batteries, pumps and other paraphernalia with freight on the same.

President Taylor made a lengthy address to the stockholders. He stated that he had in the beginning of the organization vowed to throw himself heart and soul into the cause. He felt that what he had belonged to his people, if they would appreciate it. He said that he had never before in his life endorsed notes for any one, but that he had personally endorsed these notes at the request of the board of directors. The notes amounted to something over \$9,000 in the beginning. They were to mature quarterly, \$1,000 each with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. He said when the first note fell due for \$1,000 he called a meeting of the stockholders. "They met and ordered," said Dr. Taylor, "you all to meet the note." He also said that he and another friend had met these notes regularly for the past twelve months, \$1,000 per quarter with interest, until he saw there was nothing

else, apparently, that the stockholders cared to do. He continued in this strain and gave a complete history of all the transactions of the company since its organization.

A Globe representative was present and took accurate note of the trend of affairs. Most of the stockholders present were ladies, who still seem to evidence a deep interest in the affairs of the company. Judging from the address of the President, it seems that only about three or four men in Nashville have borne these burdens. The citizens have paid little or no attention to the organization. The thousands of dollars that have been subscribed in stock have never yet been paid in, and it seems that the failure to operate the cars is due only to the limited finances put into the company's hands. They have never had sufficient funds.

Dr. Taylor stated that the cars had been bought and would run from Norfolk to the Jamestown Exposition, a distance of ten miles. He felt sure that the people who bought the cars would operate them, and that he for one, when he went to the Jamestown Exposition, would make it his duty to take a ride on these cars.

The meeting adjourned until Friday night, May 10.

PROF. DAVID ABNER, JR., TO VISIT NASHVILLE.

It has been learned that Prof. David Abner, Jr., of Conroe, Texas, will spend two or three days in Nashville this month. Prof. Abner, it will be remembered, was elected at the National Baptist Convention in Memphis to succeed Prof. Jno. R. Wilson, of South Carolina, as Secretary of the Educational Board, and was to have moved to Nashville early in last December, but after getting back to Texas, it is said that such flattering inducements were offered Prof. Abner by schools, and such pressure was brought to bear by scores of life-long friends, that he could not tear himself away. He accepted the presidency of the Conroe College at Conroe, Texas, and has decided to remain in the active educational work. He is the builder of Guadalupe College, which institution owns a large tract of land and many buildings in Seguin, Texas. It is learned that he will stop over here en route to the educational board meeting which will be held in Washington, D. C., on the 17th of this month, to tender his resignation as secretary. His stay here will be for the purpose of shaking hands with old friends and looking over the Baptist publishing house. Prof. Abner is an educator of national reputation. He is a graduate of the noted Bishop College at Marshall, Texas, one of the largest Baptist schools in the South.

BAD WHITE MAN.

A most disgusting scene was witnessed by passers-by on Twelfth avenue, just north of the Phillips and Buttorff foundry, last Saturday afternoon, between 5 and 6 o'clock. A rascally white fellow, apparently fifty years of age, deliberately made an indecent exposure of person in the presence of five or six little colored girls, whose ages ranged from nine to five years. The old scamp felt perfectly safe from arrest for his villainous performance. It is easy to see through and back of this old white rascal's lustful intentions and dirty game. For an old white scamp to resort to such scoundrelly tactics to try to inflame the minds of children would stagger belief, were it not a fact. A parallel case of such moral depravity could not be found in all heathendom.

PLEASANT GATHERING.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel entertained a few friends last Sunday from 5 to 7 p. m., at their cosy home in Rock City. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed. Those present were Mrs. Annie Mayes, Mrs. Susie Cole, Mrs. F. White, Mr. and Mrs. Milton White, Mrs. Driver, Mr. G. Hise, Mr. Geo. Cole and Mrs. L. Brice.

BANQUET AT WALDEN.

There will be a banquet to-night at Walden University under the auspices of the Young Men's Lyceum. The reception will be at the Music Hall, while the supper will be served in the dining hall. The invitations that are extended are indeed beautiful. Preparations indicate a very swell affair. The young men have extended a few invitations to young ladies in the city and have been courteous enough to allow them to invite their escorts.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

CLOSES PROFITABLE SESSIONS OF ITS CHURCHES.

Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of This Denomination.

MANY DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALABAMA, TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL OF THE SESSIONS.

Last Sunday night at the Howard Congregational Church the closing services of the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of Congregational Churches and the eighteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union were held. Many distinguished visitors from Kentucky, Alabama, East and West Tennessee were in attendance throughout the sessions. Important subjects were discussed throughout the week. Saturday and Sunday were busy days for this annual meeting.

The program Saturday began at 9:30 a. m., and continued until noon, when recess was had. Sunday morning there was a model Sunday school, in which many distinguished divines were present. At 11 o'clock the usual services were held. An able sermon was delivered by

The general session proved to be the most interesting during the day. It was conducted by the Woman's Missionary Union and opened promptly at 2:30 p. m. by song services. Scripture reading and prayer in the form of devotion, lead by Mrs. C. W. Morrow and Miss A. T. Ballantine, of Fisk University. The welcome address on behalf of the church was delivered by Mrs. James Bond, who is a tireless worker in all that pertains to the development of womanhood. She made one of those timely, entertaining speeches. An instrumental solo was rendered by Mrs. J. C. Napier. Letters of greeting from Congregational societies, missionaries and friends were read. Next came an interesting paper by Mrs. M. W. Jennings, of Memphis, Tenn., subject, "Missionary work in the cities." The trio by Miss Allen, Messrs. King and Merrill was indeed entertaining. A paper on "One need of our working woman," by Mrs. A. B. Carter, who is the Secretary of the Day Home, was a masterpiece. At this point the meeting was given over to the discussion of the needs of a Day Home. Mrs. Napier, the president of the Home, made an interesting talk, setting forth the absolute need of keeping such an institution alive. She said she believed God was with the plan. Mrs. J. G. Merrill, of Fisk University, read interesting letters from missionaries. An entertaining duet was rendered by Messrs. Boutte and Merrill, of Fisk. The President, Mrs. Geo. W. Moore, introduced the speaker for the evening in the person of Rev. J. C. Ryder, D. D., of New York City, N. Y. Dr. Ryder is secretary of the American Missionary Association and is making an extended tour through the South. He has visited La Moynie School at Memphis, Tougaloo University, at Tougaloo, Miss., the school at Jackson, Miss., and came here to attend the meeting of the Association and to visit Fisk University. Dr. Ryder is an entertaining speaker and although he spoke forty minutes, at no time did his audience tire of him. He stated that he had not been to Nashville since 1876. It was then that he was here at the invitation of the late Pres. Cravath. He had under consideration the acceptance of a professorship in Fisk. He said that the battle was fiercely on as to whether he should take this position or go East. Dr. Ryder—it was decided on the front porch of the state capitol. "So you can see," continued the speaker, "that that building on the hill has more than a passing significance."

Two beautiful silver collection receptacles were presented to the church. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Geo. W. Moore. The Missionary Society and the Missionary Union made the donation. Dr. Bond accepted them on behalf of the church. A collection was then lifted amounting to \$10.69, which was given to the Day Home by the vote of the session. While the collection was being lifted, Mrs. Moore, who was with the original Fisk Jubilee Singers, sang "Swing low, sweet chariot," and "In bright mansions above" in the real jubilee air. It inspired the audience and they gave freely. A beautiful little cradle in the form of a collection basket was then brought to the collection table. Mrs. Moore announced that it was a gift to the Day Home by Mr. H. Allen Boyd.

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Sunday night at 7:45, Dr. J. C. Ryder preached an able sermon. Positively the largest crowd during the entire session of the Association was present. The doctor's sermon was instructive and entertaining. Many of the delegates present during the session of the Association spent Monday in sight seeing, visiting the different institutions and business enterprises.

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL BOARD WILL NOT MEET HERE.

Several weeks ago a call for a meeting of the Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention was issued. This call was sent out by Rev. M. W. Gilbert, the chairman of the board, with headquarters in New York City. Another statement has been made by Rev. Gilbert to the effect that the meeting will not be held in Nashville. The change was made necessary from the fact that the executive committee of the National Convention is to meet in Washington, D. C., and since many of the members of the educational board belong to the executive committee, it was decided to hold both meetings in Washington. For instance, Prof. W. L. Candler, of this city, is a member of both the educational board and the executive committee. So in order to make the meetings convenient for such persons, Chairman Gilbert changed the call to Washington, D. C., for May 18.

A. B. C. INVITATIONS.

Invitations have reached Nashville from the senior class and faculty of the Atlanta Baptist College and Spelman Seminary for the commencement exercises which begin May 3, at 2:30 p. m., and end May 15, 10 a. m., in Atlanta, Ga. The class is an unusually large one. There are two Nashville boys in the class in the persons of Joe D. Avent and Clarence E. Allen. Atlanta Baptist College is one of the largest schools in the South. Connected with it, Spelman Seminary is the largest female school for Negroes in the United States.

CLAIMED HE WAS ROBBED.

There was quite a stir and excitement created about noon, Tuesday, April 30, on Jo Johnston, between Third and Fourth avenues, by the arrest of Mary Winchester at 317 at the instigation of Jim Smith, a country man. Smith claimed to have been robbed out of five dollars by the woman. He said he gave her \$5 out of which she was to pay 25 cents for two dinners, but, he claims, she did not pay for the meals nor give him back his money. After repeated demands for his money, which met with as many refusals on the part of the woman, he told his troubles to a policeman, who promptly went to the house and made the arrest.

The woman came as far as the stoop or small veranda with the officer, but getting there and seeing so many people watching the proceedings, she for a while obstinately refused to go farther. The officer caught hold of her and tried to force her to accompany him, but she dropped to the floor a dead weight that he could not handle, being a very large woman. After some parleying and some persuasion on the part of some of the inmates of the house who knew her, she finally went staggering off with the officer, for it was evident that she was under the influence of whiskey—that "fire water," that steals away the brain ere the imbiber is aware. From the antics played by other intimates of the Winchester woman, who had gone to give an account to Judge Baker for her fleeing game, all must have got some of the liquid delicacy which, it is said, was bought at the expense of Smith with his V.

It is a little more than ordinarily singular that country men, after they have heard of city life, are so unsuspectingly susceptible to the siren blandishment of the spotted doves of city bagnios.

NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ORGANIZATION MET

In New York for Transaction of Business.

THERE WERE URGENT AND SPECIFIC REASONS FOR CALLING TOGETHER THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR.

After an absence of one week from the city, during which time he visited New York, Philadelphia and Washington, Mr. J. C. Napier, cashier of the One Cent Savings Bank, returned Monday night. When called up over the phone by a Globe representative, Mr. Napier said he had a very successful and enjoyable trip. He is Tennessee's member of the executive committee of the Negro Business League and is ever on the alert for anything that will be of interest to Nashville as well as Tennessee business enterprises.

It is learned from Mr. Napier and other sources that the Committee met in the city of New York in the rooms of the Colored Republican Club, No. 138 West 53d street, on Thursday, April 25 and 26. The members of the Committee present were T. Thomas Fortune, Chairman, New Jersey; Booker T. Washington, President, Ex-Officio, Alabama; Emmett J. Scott, Corresponding Secretary, Alabama; Gilbert C. Harris, Treasurer, Massachusetts; J. C. Jackson, Kentucky; J. C. Napier, Tennessee; S. E. Courtney, Massachusetts; M. M. Lewey, Florida; S. A. Furniss, Indiana; N. T. Velar, Pennsylvania, and Philip A. Payton, Jr., New York. Messrs. Fred R. Moore, National Organizer, New York, and C. F. Adams, Transportation Agent, Washington, D. C., met in Consultation with the Committee.

The especial reason for holding the meeting of the Committee at this time was to devote an undivided season to a discussion of all matters affecting the future of the organization. The day sessions were held from three to six o'clock, and night sessions at 7:30. Dinner was served in the rooms of the Club by Caterer W. E. Gross.

Reports as to their work were furnished by various officers of the organization. It was shown that 446 Local Negro Business Leagues are in existence. A larger proportion of them will be urged to secure charters from the national organization, more closely, in that way, to connect them with the national body. Hereafter, in the annual minutes of the proceedings of the National League, a complete roster of all local leagues with their officers will be printed. It has also been decided to recommend to the Topeka meeting that local leagues be required to pay into the national treasury \$1.00 each per year. The League is at present in a fairly satisfactory financial condition. It has been decided that all of the money that is paid into the League from life memberships at \$25 each, shall hereafter be kept in a separate fund and invested.

For the purpose of awakening interest in the coming meeting to be held in Topeka, Kan., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 14th, 15th and 16th, 1907, the National Organizer, Mr. Fred R. Moore, will spend two and one-half months, beginning June 1st, in the states of Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territories in that section beyond the Mississippi River, where no session of the National Negro Business League has been held. Messrs. J. C. Napier, of Tennessee, and J. E. Bush, of Arkansas, were selected to convey the fraternal greetings of the National Organizer to the annual meetings of the State Negro Business Leagues to be held respectively at Tallahassee, Fla., and Meridian, Miss., in June.

The League's usefulness is apparent in all parts of the country, and more than ever the design will be to enlist the helpful sympathy and interest of